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Holiday Greetings



It is hard to believe that a new year is right around the corner. 2005 was a great year for many households and communities. Just a few examples of new housing opportunities created with HUD's resources during 2005:

- Moses Lake – 12 units of Section 811 "Supportive Housing for the Disabled"
- Walla Walla – 8 units of Section 811 "Supportive Housing for the Disabled"
- Kennewick – 6 units of Special Needs "Disabled" Housing
- Richland – 40 units of Section 202 "Supportive Housing for the Elderly"
- Cheney – 20 units of Section 202 "Supportive Housing for the Elderly"
- Farm Worker housing for Royal City and Moses Lake
- 2,773 new Eastern Washington FHA insured Home Owners.
- New market rate affordable apartments developed in Spokane & Pasco Communities.

At a time of the year when we count our blessings and list things we are thankful for – The Spokane Field Office staff thanks all the service and housing partners that continue to work with the Spokane Office in providing decent, safe and affordable housing. No project or funding year is without unique challenges, but by continuing to work together we have made a tremendous difference for many individuals/households.

Best Wishes for the New Year !!!
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HUD Funding Announcements

HOUSING COUNSELING GRANTS October 4, 2005

Spokane Neighborhood Action Program (SNAP), Spokane, WA -- \$85,416 -- Comprehensive Counseling. Spokane Neighborhood Action Network (SNAP) provides comprehensive housing counseling services. In FY 2006 SNAP expects to provide housing counseling services to at least 720 families with the HUD housing counseling grant.

Washington State Housing Finance Commission, Seattle, WA

\$208,325 - Comprehensive Counseling

\$10,000 - Predatory Lending Counseling

\$10,000 - Section 8 Homeownership Voucher Counseling

The Washington State Housing Finance Commission, a state housing finance agency, has administered a statewide housing counseling and homebuyer education program since 1998. The Commission, in partnership with 28 affiliates and local housing authorities, will provide pre and post-purchase counseling, mortgage default counseling, HECM, predatory lending counseling, homebuyer education and homeownership voucher counseling.

HISPANIC-SERVING INSTITUTIONS ASSISTING COMMUNITIES (HSIAC)

PROGRAM – Heritage University, Toppenish, Washington -- \$600,000 -- September 30, 2005

Heritage University will use its grant and the expertise of faculty, students in partnership with the city and community organizations to address three urgent areas of need: 1) Public Leadership and Civic Engagement; 2) Promoting Tourism – Marketing Toppenish; 3) Upgrade Community Facility – The Community Business and Training Center built with a previous HSIAC grant will be enhanced.

HEALTHY HOMES AND LEAD HAZARD CONTROL GRANT PROGRAM -- State of Washington -- \$3,000,000 -- September 21, 2005.

The State of Washington will produce 240 lead safe homes/rental units, through its Department of Community, Trade and Economic Development, in 26 of the state's counties. The homes being made lead-safe will protect an estimated 861 children from lead hazard conditions. The central strategy for the plan will result in partnerships with 10 community-based organizations. In developing the program, Washington will coordinate with other lead hazard control grantees to identify best practices to most effectively implement the program. Also, the program will provide lead awareness training to residents of the state.

HUD'S HOUSING OPPORTUNITIES FOR PERSONS WITH AIDS (HOPWA) PROGRAM.

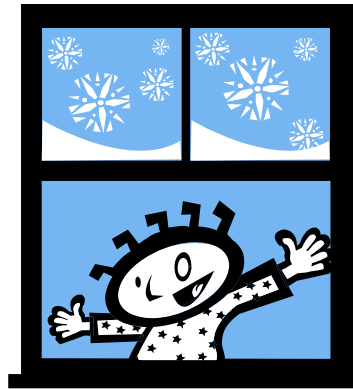
Spokane County Community Services Division -- \$1,151,406 -- August 19th, 2005.

Grant will be used to continue its REACH Project (Regionally Assisted Collaborative Housing Project). This project provides long and short term housing support to homeless or those in unstable housing who are living with HIV/AIDS in eastern Washington State. Spokane County is working in partnership with North East WA Housing Solutions, Yakima County Coalition for the Homeless, Coalition of Responsible Disabled, Blue Mountain Heart to Heart, Okanogan County Community Action Center, and Volunteers of America. The project will provide 63 households with long-term rental assistance support and 60 others with short-term housing. The project also provides support from housing case managers to assist beneficiaries in locating housing, making utility payments, and providing referral services to secure permanent housing.

City of Spokane Homeless Information System (HMIS) Wins HUD Award

Congratulations to the City of Spokane Human Services Department on their recent award from the Department of Housing and Urban Development 2005 HMIS Conference. The “Homeless Information System Pioneer” award was presented for implementation, innovation and contribution to making the HMIS Initiative a success both locally and nationally.

The City of Spokane’s HMIS was one of the first systems in the nation for homeless data collection. The Human Services Department has provided Technical Assistance both locally and nationally and participated in several national studies on poverty and the homeless utilizing statistics from our HMIS. For more information go to www.spokanehomeless.org or contact the City of Spokane Human Services Department at 509-625-6130.



Resources for Victims of Hurricane Katrina

When helping families that are victims of Hurricane Katrina, first make sure that they have registered with FEMA. They can apply by phone at 1-800-621-3362.

If they were a resident of Public Housing or have a Section 8 voucher in a disaster-affected area, they need to call HUD’s Housing Hotline at 1-888-297-8685. Families displaced by Hurricane Katrina may decide in which city they would like to live. Upon arriving in their new community, the evacuated family will meet with the local public housing authority that will help them find a suitable place to live. Families will be given a rental subsidy based on 100 percent of Fair Market Rent in that community.

Eligible families include:

- Displaced public housing residents,
- Section 8 voucher-housing residents,
- Other HUD-assisted households,

Pre-disaster homeless individuals who were directly affected by the hurricane.

FHA homebuyers can take advantage of HUD’s foreclosure relief by contacting their lender or HUD's National Servicing Center at: 1 (888) 297-8685.

All questions, comments and suggestions for future newsletters can be directed to Kim McCollim, 509-353-0674 or email at kim_mccollim@hud.gov. Please notify us if your email address changes or you wish to be deleted from the distribution list.